

RESOURCES TO MAKE SERVICE-LEARNING HAPPEN

THE TASK FORCE ENCOURAGES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS to explore ways of “linking classrooms and communities” through service-learning. The recommendations in this report may take as long as seven years to be fully achieved. However, careful planning, collaboration, and incremental implementation of service-learning should begin immediately.

California educators and their community partners who are already using service-learning provide good models that can be replicated. Many California and national resources can also provide training and technical assistance for service-learning. These organizations are listed below.

California Resources

California Association of Nonprofits

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The California Association of Nonprofits (CAN) is a statewide association of almost 2,000 diverse nonprofit organizations with a mission to strengthen and expand the professionalism, governance, influence, and effectiveness of California’s nonprofit organizations. CAN’s members include all types of nonprofit organizations.

California Campus Compact

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www.sfu.edu/~cacc/

California Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents committed to increasing the number of service and service-learning programs on higher education campuses. Schools and community-based agencies can work with the California Campus Compact to identify colleges and universities interested in kindergarten through higher education partnerships.

California Commission on Improving Life Through Service

1121 L Street, Suite 103
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Fax: (916) 327-4836
E-mail: commission@cilts.ca.gov
www.cilts.ca.gov

The National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 asks each state to create a commission to develop plans for national service, implement the AmeriCorps program, provide technical assistance, and develop state service policies. Schools and community-based agencies can work with the California Commission on Improving Life Through Service (CILTS) to identify AmeriCorps or other national service programs interested in partnering with K–12 schools.

California Conservation Corps

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www.ccc.ca.gov

Throughout the state the California Conservation Corps (CCC) performs much-needed environmental and human services. It is a resource for expertise in environmental service and service-learning efforts.

California Department of Education, CalServe Initiative

Family and Community Partnerships Office
721 Capitol Mall, Third Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Fax: (916) 657-4969
<http://cde.ca.gov/cyfsbranch/lsp/cshome.htm>

With funding support from the Corporation for National Service's Learn and Serve America, the California Department of Education (CDE) established the CalServe Initiative to promote service-learning. CalServe provides technical assistance to school and community practitioners who are implementing high-quality service-learning. CalServe staff and service-learning coaches assist educators and others who are integrating service into the curriculum, assessing student learning and evaluating service activities, establishing school-community partnerships, and incorporating youth voice. CalServe has identified Regional Service-Learning Leads in the 11 service regions of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. These regional leads provide leadership and collaborate with other local service providers to encourage service-learning and youth service.

Local Conservation Corps

The following local Conservation Corps, which operate independently from the California Conservation Corps, provide environmental and human services. Each corps may be contacted directly.

East Bay Conservation Corps
(510) 891-3900

Conservation Corps of Long Beach
(310) 433-1790

Los Angeles Conservation Corps
(213) 749-3601

Urban Corps of San Diego
(619) 235-0137

San Francisco Conservation Corps
(415) 928-7322

Community Services and Employment
(209) 732-4194

San Jose Conservation Corps
(408) 283-7171

Fresno Local Conservation Corps
(209) 264-1048

Sacramento Local Conservation Corps
(916) 386-8394

Orange County Conservation Corps
(714) 776-2677

Marin Conservation Corps
(415) 454-4554

Service-Learning Research and Development Center, University of California, Berkeley

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www-gse.berkeley.edu/research/slc

The mission of the Service-Learning Research and Development Center is to advance the service-learning field through the development, implementation, facilitation, and evaluation of community service programs that are integral to the academic curriculum. The Center works with faculty members at UC Berkeley to develop courses that use service-learning. The Center conducts national, statewide, and local research studies and program evaluations of service-learning efforts in K–12 and higher education.

Service-Learning 2000 Center

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The Service-Learning 2000 Center, a project of the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University, offers a wide range of professional assistance to build and support quality service-learning. The center provides professional development for educators and community-based staff on service-learning, including consulting with partnerships on the implementation of service-learning, publishing materials, advocating for service-learning within teacher education programs, and disseminating research findings.

Volunteer Centers of California

While services vary from one Volunteer Center to another, the 40 centers in communities around the state can help schools and nonprofit organizations identify volunteer opportunities, recruit volunteers, develop volunteer recognition programs, develop school-community partnerships, and assist in locating training and resource materials.

These local volunteer centers are located throughout California:

Auburn (530) 885-7706	Riverside (909) 686-4402
Cameron Park (530) 676-8356	Sacramento (916) 567-3100
Chico (530) 898-5817	San Andreas (209) 754-1699
Concord (925) 472-5760	San Bernardino (909) 884-2556
Eureka (707) 442-3711	San Diego (619) 492-2000
Fairfield (707) 427-6699	San Francisco (415) 982-8999
Fresno (209) 237-3101	San Jose (408) 247-1126
Galt (209) 745-2582	San Lorenzo Valley (831) 335-6844
Grass Valley (530) 272-5041	San Mateo (650) 342-0801
Hayward (510) 538-0554	San Rafael (415) 479-5660
Huntington Beach (714) 375-7755	Santa Ana (714) 953-5757
Los Angeles (213) 484-2849	Santa Cruz (831) 427-5070
Modesto (209) 524-1307	Santa Rosa (707) 573-3399
Monterey (408) 655-9234	Torrance (310) 212-5009
Napa (707) 252-6222	Tulare (209) 688-0539
Oakland (510) 419-3970	Ukiah (707) 462-8879
Panorama City (818) 908-5066	Visalia (209) 738-3482
Pasadena (626) 792-6118	Walnut Creek (925) 472-5760
Pleasanton (925) 462-3570	Watsonville (831) 722-6708
Pomona (909) 623-1284	Woodland (530) 661-6636

Youth Service California

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Founded in 1990, Youth Service California (YSCal) is a nonprofit, statewide collaboration of public and private organizations that promotes youth service and provides information and assistance to local programs. YSCal has an affiliates program to keep local programs informed about regional, state, and national events and resources; coordinates a California database of programs, training, and consultants; publishes a statewide newsletter; and provides support to California's network of Regional Service-Learning Leads.

National Resources

America's Promise–The Alliance for Youth

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Alexandria, VA 22314
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www.americaspromise.org

America's Promise–The Alliance for Youth is a national not-for-profit organization led by General Colin Powell. It is dedicated to mobilizing the nation to ensure that children and youth have access to the fundamental resources they need to become successful adults. The five America's Promise Fundamental Resources are:

1. Mentor: An ongoing relationship with a caring adult—a parent, mentor, tutor, or coach
2. Protect: Safe places and structured activities during nonschool hours
3. Nurture: A healthy start
4. Prepare: A marketable skill through effective education
5. Serve: An opportunity to give back through community service

Close Up Foundation

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The Close Up Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan citizenship education organization. Its programs teach people about the U.S. government—what it is and how it affects peoples' lives. Close Up programs help people of all ages become better citizens.

Corporation for National Service, Learn and Serve America

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www.nationalservice.org

The Corporation for National Service (CNS) is a public-private partnership that administers three national service initiatives—Learn and Serve America, Americorps, and the National Senior Service Corps. CNS encourages all Americans to engage in service and provides opportunities for them to help solve community problems. CNS funds state education agencies, state commissions on national and community service, nonprofit organizations, Indian tribes, and U.S. territories, all of which then select and fund local service-learning programs.

Learn and Serve America supports service-learning programs in schools, colleges and universities, and community agencies that engage youth in addressing educational, public safety, environmental, and other human needs. Funds are used to create new programs or replicate existing ones and to provide training and development to staff, faculty, and volunteers. Learn and Serve America programs are required to match federal funds with resources from the community.

National Community Education Association

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The National Community Education Association's (NCEA's) mission is to provide leadership to those who build learning communities in response to individual and community needs. NCEA provides its members with training conferences and workshops, publications and products, peer support, and information services. In addition, NCEA acts as an advocate for community education by working with local organizations and promoting parent and community involvement in public education, forming community partnerships to address community needs, and expanding lifelong learning opportunities for all community residents.

National Dropout Prevention Center

Clemson University
209 Martin Street
Clemson, SC 29634-0726
Phone: (864) 656-2599
Fax: (864) 656-0136
www.dropoutprevention.org

The National Dropout Prevention Center at Clemson University provides access to the National Dropout Prevention Network. This large organization furnishes information on dropout prevention and on the use of service-learning programs to help young people succeed in school.

National Service-Learning Clearinghouse

Phone: (800) 808-SERV
E-mail: serv@maroon.tx.umn.edu

The clearinghouse offers ongoing technical assistance and training in service-learning, including materials, peer consultants, and information on resources and events throughout the country. The clearinghouse also maintains an on-line database service through which technical assistance providers and program directors nationwide can respond to questions. The Constitutional Rights Foundation, East Bay Conservation Corps, and Youth Service California are regional affiliates of the clearinghouse.

Constitutional Rights Foundation

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East Bay Conservation Corps

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The National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE) is a membership association and resource center that promotes experienced-based approaches to teaching and learning. For over 25 years NSEE has developed effective practices for integrating authentic experience into educational programs. NSEE works with educators, businesses, and community leaders in the belief that students' full learning potential can most effectively be tapped through experienced-based education programs. NSEE's membership includes faculty, administrators, and directors of experiential education programs at colleges, universities, schools, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations.

National Youth Leadership Council

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The National Youth Leadership Council's (NYLC's) mission is to engage young people in their communities and schools through learning, service, leadership, and public policy. NYLC, one of America's most prominent advocates of service-learning and youth service, promotes efforts to reform education and guide youth-oriented public policy.

Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory

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The Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) provides access to information about school-to-work programs, Native American programs, educational reforms, and rural education—as they relate to service-learning.

Points of Light Foundation

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In 1990 President George Bush's theme of service led to the establishment of the Points of Light Foundation (POL), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Among its other activities, POL coordinates ambassadors working in communities across the country to be advocates for and engage young people in service. In addition, POL sponsors Communities as Places of Learning, a national initiative to connect local Volunteer Centers and community-based agencies with educators and schools using service-learning as an instructional strategy.